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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 62/14, the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/62/29), requested the Chairman of the Committee to continue his informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee held its formal session (453rd meeting) on 24 July 2009 at United Nations Headquarters. The Chairman also held a number of consultations and meetings during 2009.

3. At the 453rd meeting, the following delegations made statements in the general discussion under agenda item 3: [to be completed]

4. The Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 43 members:

Australia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Bangladesh	Iraq
Bulgaria	Italy
Canada	Japan
China	Kenya
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Zambia
Zimbabwe

(b) Observers:

Nepal
South Africa
Sweden

5. The elected officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chair:
H. M. G. S. Palihakkara (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairs:
Sarah Clair de Zoeten (Australia)
Andreano Erwin (Indonesia)
Antonio Macheve (Mozambique)

Rapporteur:
Modeste Randrianarivony (Madagascar)

II. Work of the Committee in 2009

A. Agenda of the Committee

6. At its 453rd meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document A/AC.159/L.139, which read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Chairman of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 62/14.
4. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.
5. Other matters.

B. Report of the Chairman of the Committee

7. At its 453rd meeting, the Committee considered agenda item 3 concerning the report of the Chairman of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 62/14. The Chairman made the following comprehensive statement on his consultations:

[to be completed]

8. During the meeting, an exchange of views was held on, inter alia, the work of the Committee.

9. The Committee reaffirmed the conclusions it had reached during its 1994, 1995 and 1996 sessions and emphasized the need to foster consensual, step-by-step approaches, particularly given the propitious international climate, which was conducive to the pursuit of such endeavours. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the realization of the goals of peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean region.

10. The Committee remained convinced that the participation of all permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users in the work of the Committee was important and would assist the progress of a mutually beneficial dialogue aimed at developing conditions of peace, security and stability in the region.

C. Recommendations

11. The Chairman was requested to continue informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

12. At its 453rd meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

13. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the members of the Committee of his intention to hold informal consultations concerning the text of the draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its report.